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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF 95 CHILEAN EXILES IN MEXICO AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

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1. MEXICO'S PRESS REPORTS THAT 95 CHILEAN EXILES, INCLUDING LAURA ALLENDE GOSSENS, AND THEIR FAMILIES (NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS NOT SPECIFIED) ARRIVED IN MEXICO EVENING OF MARCH 21. ONE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE GROUP INCLUDED "15 CHILDREN AND THEIR 6 MOTHERS" WHILE ANOTHER INDICATES THAT "15 MINORS" WERE TO DEPART SANTIAGO MARCH 22 TO JOIN THEIR MOTHERS WHO WERE AMONG THE EXILES ON THE FLIGHT THE PREVIOUS DAY.

2. ON ARRIVAL MARCH 21, THE GROUP WAS MET BY HORTENSIA BUSSI DE ALLENDE AND ABOUT 50 RESIDENT EXILES. IN STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT LAURA ALLENDE THANKED THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MEXICO FOR RECEIVING THE EXILES AND PROCLAIMED: "WE ARE MEMEBERS OF THE RESISTANCE THAT WILL END THE CHILEAN DICTATORSHIP. WE HAVE FAITH WE WILL ACHIEVE VICTORY." ANOTHER ARRIVING EXILE, GABRIEL REYES, EX REGIONAL SENRETARY IN CONCEPCION, CHARGED THAT AN ESTIMATED 10 THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE STILL DETAINED IN CHILE AND THAT OVER 30 THOUSAND HAVE BEEN MURDERED SINCE THE COUP.

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3. ON MARCH 24, AT THE CASA DE CHILE, LAURA ALLENDE AND HORTENSIA

BUSSI DE ALLENDE PRESIDED AT A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH OTHER EXILES AND WITH THE PRESS PRESENT. LAURA ALLENDE ASSERTED THAT THERE ARE 8 TO 10 THOUSAND IN "OVER 80 CONCENTRATION CENTERS IN CHILE" AND THAT SHE HERSELF HAD BEEN TORTURED WHILE A PRISONER. SHE ADDED THAT "THE (TORTURE) METHODS THAT ARE BEING USED ARE THOSE USED IN BRAZIL WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE CIA." AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS WHICH INSPECTED THE PRISONS IN CHILE WERE "DECEIVED" BY THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT WHICH "IN EFFECT PREPARED A SHOW" FOR THEM RATHER THAN ALLOW THEM TO SEE REAL CONDITIONS IN THE PRISONS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE ANOTHER MEETING OF THIS TYPE WILL BE HELD IN THE CASA DE CHILE MARCH 31.
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